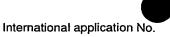
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I. Basis of the report

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٧. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability

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